LOYOLA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

"CONGRATULATIONS AND WARM GOOD WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF WINNING THE CIAU NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. YOU ARE A CREDIT TO LOYOLA COLLEGE, THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC AND ALL OF CANADA."

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"CONGRATULATIONS ON REPRESENTING THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC WITH HONOUR AND ON BRINGING A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TO THE PROVINCE. WE ARE ALL PROUD OF YOU."

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The Loyola College Soccer Warriors, with a dramatic 4-3 victory over the University of Alberta, captured the Canadian University National Championship last Sunday, November 11th.

En route to National honors, Loyola compiled an undefeated season (10-0-0) in the Quebec University Athletic Association and extended their unbeaten streak in league play to an unprecedented 50 games.

Leading the way for Loyola all season were: Capt. Jim Patterson, Canadian National Team member Jim Corsi, goaler Wally Smith, strikers Mark Sosnowski, Garth Pringle, right wing Tony Madiou, midfielder Ricky Knopp, and right back Ihor Nowastawsky. Other stars of the team were Paul Belletti, Peter Knopp, Pat DiGenova, Chris Politsidis, Mike Evangelista, Gary Harvey, Duncan McFarlane, Mike Bremer, Brad DeSouza, Len Octedahl, Leslie Kiraly, Robert Duval and George Stretr.

The championship contest between Loyola and Alberta was held at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland. The game was one of the hardest fought collegiate matches in recent years. The regulation 90 minutes featured tenacious defense and ended without a goal by either team. The overtime period came to a close with the squads still deadlocked, 1-1. The issue then went to the traditional penalty shot procedure. Each team sent five kickers to the line. The Warriors scored three times (Jim Corsi, Mark Sosnowski and Tony Madiou)

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and Alberta twice to end the marathon contest.

Loyola Athletic Director, Dr. E.F. (Ed) Enos, in commenting on the victory, cited the courage of the players, credited the dedication of Warrior Soccer Coach, Harry Hus, the work of the Quebec University Athletic Association and the Quebec Soccer Association for their invaluable contributions to the success Loyola College has experienced in Soccer.

The most coveted of the accolades received by Coach Harry Hus and his team were congratulatory telegrams from the Honorable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and the Honorable Robert Bourassa, Prime Minister of Quebec (photostats of the telegrams are attached). Telegrams also were received from Dr. Francois Cloutier, Minister of Education, Province of Quebec, Mr. Paul Phaneuf, Ministre Responsable des Loisirs et des Sports, and Mayor Jean Drapeau. Montreal hosted the team at a special reception on Monday, November 12th, at City Hall during which time the players inscribed their names in the City's Golden Book. Earlier in the day, the players were accorded the same honor by the President of Loyola College, the Very Reverend Patrick G. Malone, S.J. In recognition of the soccer team's accomplishments, the Loyola Alumni Association has placed the names of the players who participated in the Championship game in nomination for selection to the prestigous Loyola Sports Hall of Fame.

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